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1. TIA COMPLETED ITS FIVE-DAYCONTRACT EVENING AUG 20, AT WHICH TIME THEY HAD FLOWN FIVE FLIGHTS VICE 14 CALLED FOR IN CONTRACT. ACCORDING TIA REP GIOUNNET, THERE ARE NOW VIRTUALLY NO BENINESE LEFT WHO ARE SCHEDULED FOR REPATRIATION, AND GOG WILL ARRANGE INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORTATION FOR ANY THAT MAY BE LEFT OVER.

2. GIOUNNET TELLS US THAT GOG IS PAYING FOR ALL 14 FLIGHTS, BUT HAS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT TIA WILL MAKE REBATE FOR FLIGHTS NO FLOWN. THIS, OF COURSE,MUST BE COMPANY DECISION THAT WE SHOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN, BIT IF TIA ASKS FOR DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE (OR GOG EVENTUALLY BRINGS UP MATTER HERE), I WOULD HOPE THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD URGE TIA TO MAKE FAIR SETTLEMENT, NOT ONLY TO PROTECT TIA'S OWN GOOD NAME HERE, BUT ALSO PROTECT GOOD NAME OF AMERICAN BUSINESS IN GENERAL IN GABON. TIENKEN

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